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Letter dated 4 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Paraguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the position of Paraguay regarding the request for the inclusion in the agenda of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly of a supplementary item entitled "Question of the representation of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the United Nations", submitted by a number of Member States, as contained in document A/57/191.

1. The Republic of Paraguay maintains full diplomatic, trade and cultural relations with the Republic of China on Taiwan; it values that relationship highly and has great respect for the progress Taiwan has made in all areas, in particular economics and trade.

2. In view of this request, the Government of Paraguay would like to state that the matter in question should be resolved between the two parties, respecting the principle of universality set out in the Charter of the United Nations, through dialogue and mutual understanding and in a spirit of reconciliation, in order to permit a just and equitable agreement. As it has repeatedly stated, Paraguay hopes that the parties can resolve their differences in a peaceful manner and within the norms of international law.

3. Taking into account the elements having a bearing on the existence of a State, as well as other essential circumstances, Paraguay believes that the international community cannot avoid consideration of the aforementioned proposal, just as it would do for any other State that met the requirements established in the Charter of the United Nations. Consistent with this policy, Paraguay supported the admission of both the People's Republic of China and the Republic of China on Taiwan to the World Trade Organization.

4. As a founding member of an Organization which constantly strives to prevent and resolve the conflicts affecting various parts of the world and which

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requires the participation of all States, and in view of the recent changes which have taken place in the international sphere, such as those resulting from globalization, Paraguay believes that the necessary conditions exist to welcome into the Organization those States that, by their actions in the international sphere, effectively demonstrate their desire to participate and contribute to the common effort to promote the goals and purposes of the United Nations.

5. The Government of Paraguay wishes to confirm that the foregoing is consistent with its foreign policy on this issue, and it therefore supports this request.

I should like to request that this letter be circulated as a document of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under item 50 of the provisional agenda.

(*Signed*) Eladio **Loizaga**
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